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In re application of: William H. Sun, et al

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.102

Sir:

Applicants request that the above application be made SPECIAL and be taken out of order. No petition fee as set out in 37 CFR §1.17(i) is needed for this petition in view of the statement to this effect in MPEP §708.02 V., which exempts inventions relating to Environmental Quality pursuant to 37 CFR §1.102(c).

The undersigned verifies that a search on the USPTO and EPO databases has been conducted and that the only references found that are considered most closely related have been submitted and are discussed in the text of the application itself.

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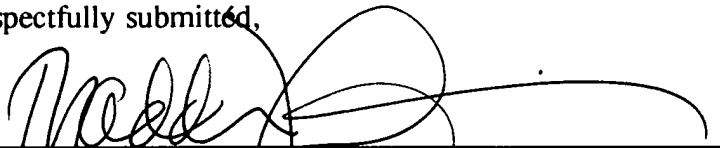


Applicants' requested action is justified because the application relates to Environmental Quality, specifically air quality.

In view of the above, applicants believe that their request is in order and that the application should be special.

Respectfully submitted,

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